

B1 sphingomyelin induces endothelial apoptosis in said animal, comprising the step of administering a pharmacologically effective dose of a basic fibroblast growth factor to said animal.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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B2 Cross Reference to Related Application

This Application is 371 of WO 99/26648.

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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

✓ Please insert the Abstract enclosed herewith after page 37 of the spécification and prior to the claims.

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-7 and 10 are pending herein. Claims 4-7 are rejected. Claim 4 is amended herein.